(b) if so, their total number and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any effort to take up the matter of their release with Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof and the details of the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) According to estimates, there are about 54 Indian Prisoners of War (POWs) from the 1971 War in Pakistani jails; However, Pakistan has never acknowledged the presence of any Indian POWs in its jails.

The Government has been consistently taking up this issue with the Government of Pakistan at all levels. In pursuance of the efforts to locate Indian POWs, Ministry of External Affairs has taken up the matter with the Pakistan Government for sending a delegation of the families of the missing defence personnel to visit various jails in Pakistan to facilitate identification of Indian PoWs. A similar delegation had visited Pakistan in 1983 but was given limited access and could not locate any Indian POW.

Road network in Orissa

*134. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa State is on the path of industrialisation and the State Government has inked major MoUs for setting up plants;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the industrialisation of a State depends on good road network and most of such projects in the State are dependent on Central funding; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to help the cash-starved State to speed up their road network to keep pace with their industrialisation?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and

maintenance of National Highways. The Ministry also sanctions works for development of State roads under the Central Road Fund (CRF) Scheme and centrally sponsored schemes of Inter State Connectivity/Economic Importance.

In Orissa, four laning in length of 521 km is covered under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I. Another 435 km length of National Highways has been prioritized for development to 4/6 lane facility under NHDP Phase-III on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

Looking into rapid industrial development in Orissa, special emphasis has been given to 4 laning of following roads:

(i) Chandikhol-Paradeep Road (77.40 km, NH-5A): Under Port Connectivity in NHDP Phase-I

(ii) Chandikhol-Duburi road (39) km, NH-200): NHDP-III.

(iii) Panikoili-Keonjhar-Roxy Road (249 km, NH-215): NHDP-III

(iv) Duburi-Talcher Road (98 km, NH-200): NHDP-III

(v) Two laning with Paved Shoulder of Duburi-Brahmanipal-Harichandanpur-Naranpur Road (98 km): This road is proposed for consideration under Economic Importance scheme with funds to be shared by Centre and State in the ratio of 50:50.

For improvements of State roads, works amounting to Rs. 183.79 crore under the Central Road Fund (CRF) Scheme, Rs. 14.10 crore under Inter State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme and Rs. 7.52 crore under Economic Importance (EI) scheme have been sanctioned since 2000-01.

Production of Non-Conventional Energy sources

†*135. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of energy is being produced through non-conventional sources in India;

(b) proportion of contribution atomic energy is making in this production;

(c) what is the per mega watt expenditure incurred in the production of atomic energy; and

†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.